Greenfield, Kidgobbin, Co. Dublin
16th July 1860

Dear Mr Mary — This is a fine breezy day with the sea thoroughly smooth. Such a storm as we have had since the beginning of last October — so much rain, so little sun, such a continuance of blowing, unpleasant weather, as we have had, I remember. The grain is very backward, the crops are backward, it is difficult to save the hay, the potato crop has been damaged, the cattle have died in the wet, bleak, bogby districts in the western coast, and the poor people have suffered severely from fevers & dysentery, the result of bad & insufficient food. How I wish I had you here to spend the quiet Sunday with us in this pretty place — the Dublin mountains commanding the bay — to show you all of the beauties which we have the pride of showing to the visitors to Dublin Bay, the Killiney Hills & the woods of Shankill, the cultivated country in the heart of Kilmacud. I have about 15 acres of meadow & pasture, intend in the hay harvest — which is so early with us, to secure as much of the autumn aftermath as the weather. Last year I then turned a head perpetual sanfoin on part of the land, which lasted.

The Box of Reports has come to hand at last — but I had to pay the duty on them, as I feared if I applied for a remission I might have to wait for months as before with the consequence of losing the privilege of private distribution. I will put the labels in.

I have sent the books to Sanders, Edinburgh, Brotherly, & Hamilton for which I have received the money.

Please forward the enclosed bill to [illegible]

I expect to be able to send him to Sheffield, Wakefield, perhaps to Waterford, where Mrs Palmer is a Zealous propagandist, & her husband a hearty sympathizer. I doubt not we shall find ~~funds~~ Good men for them all. In each parcel of books I enclose a prospectus of the Reports – & I reserve about 80 copies which I mean to forward separately to influential individuals according as I can learn the best people to send them to. I have asked a few of them for the names of such as occur to them as the most eligible. It is wonderful to me how extremely few there are either of public or of private individuals, of those published & those who merely subscribe, who are disposed to look at the map of Ireland otherwise than by light of Lord Devon's Report. It is with them an American question – a question with which we have little to do or which they to do. In fact very few of our people of any rank or any class would be interested if they were in the United States. You have heard of the Rev. Henry Gratton Guinness – a young amateur attempt of his compatriot merits the epithet extraordinary by his zeal in preaching the Gospel. A rich man whom I know very well in Dublin is said to have placed £5000 at his disposal to make them easy to him during his recent visit to America. Well, he went & came back, & as I heard disgusted several of his admirers by defending Slavery by talking of the heavenly minded Slaveholder he met with, & by saying that Uncle Tom was a libel upon a Slaveholder. I fear he was attracted partly by the profession of Slavery & by the effort. I wrote a strong remonstrance to his wealthy patron, ~~his friend~~ & endeavored to

contributed for the family by the people of Harts. In the details published during that noble man's return & immediately after his death the conduct of his family was so wonderful & so disinterested as to [illegible] I wonder how they can be offended by the marks of respect & sympathy shown by the money that has been poured in upon them. And as to many suffering along with him & on account of the same attempt, I would like to know whether their families (as far as they left families dependent) have been participants in the bounty collected on behalf of the Brown family. It never appeared to me that W. L. S. entered heartily into the enthusiastic admiration which Brown excited in the Northern States especially among the abolitionists. In the box of books came 3 copies of Horatio photographs of Brown — one each for Mrs Peters, Mrs Harvey & myself — nothing was said as to whether they are to be paid for. The two ladies I find are greatly disappointed. Each of them looked for something [illegible] of handsomer. The portrait strikes me as like what I could expect. The large one approaches to the majesty of the sculptor art, of which I am a great admirer.

I am sorry to find by a Liberator received since the above was written that you are [illegible] by ill health to be by no means well — so that the letter which I fear detained the holidays [illegible] doctors. I wish you could come over here.

I enclose two copies of the second edition of my begging letter for deficient nos. of the advocate. I have looked over my duplicates & find I have one of those few which you require.

Some of our haters (Hatch) that Mrs Brown (after) your letter [illegible] Mrs Brown

here for Mr Swinnerton's enlightenment the
Key to Uncle Tom & some other pamphlets.
I had a milk & water reply condemning
slavery & trying to whitewash the Young
preacher. You know Richard Allen by
name. He is a relation of mine & a
rich clothier, & draper, & of late years
has grown rather hostile to the Anti-
Slavery movement & seceders. He is
heterodox, & scepticism & Deism of the
meaner kind - he has grown intolerably vain
& bumptious & preaches as Quakers meetings
the take Lydia with him. Maria Forbes
made sad & serious reflections to the American
Society than from any appreciation of
the real difference between them &
Douglass - for he is no reader. He is difficult
to get him to read anything except the Bible
& religious books in his own line - & these
he reads not in a spirit of enquiry - but in a
that of blind, traditional faith. Well.
he has heard of Garrison's unfaithful-
ness & so plain a matter of Christian
duty - than called on him respecting it. I
am glad to find he is very independent
& bravely of Anti-Slavery Society
he will be likely to make a greater stir
about the Young preachers heresies than I
who am not known as a part of theology
could possibly do. I send you the
revised edition of my Standard defence
- also a half yearly statement of the account
between us copied from my ledger. You will
not find the expenses of the last year as
did not come within the half year's
my rule when to keep each account as far as
possible clear within itself. I do not know
whether I owe you anything in my own account
except the large photograph of John Brown.
I obtain in lieu of yours Helen's portrait a
statement that the widow of John Brown
lately visited New York to receive 30,000

with remittance for £21.8.9